

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Diversion of 0.012 ha of forest land for construction of suspension foot bridge over Seti Khola at Palitam under Namthang Maneydara GPU, South Sikkim .

1. Legal status of forestland proposed for diversion: **0.012 ha**
2. Item wise break up of details of forestland proposed for diversion:

Sl. No.	Component	Name and Status of Forest land	Area (in Ha)
1.	Road	Khasmal	0.012
Total			0.012

3. Details of construction of buildings (if any)

Not applicable

4. Total cost of project at present rates

The estimated cost of the project is **Rs.35.36 (in Lakhs)**

5. Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view:

No.

6. Vegetation: The area identified for the project is a stable land comprising of mainly Utish, Chilauney, Malata etc. Necessary care during and after the completion of the project shall be taken up to protect and conserve the bio diversity of the area. Maximum effort shall be made to minimize the felling of existing trees.

7. Details of fauna

Mammals: Barking deer (*Muntiacus muntjac*), Civet cat (*Viverasp*), etc.

Reptiles, Birds, Butterflies are also found in the forest area proposed for diversion.

8. Background note on the proposal: The Project was prepared because the existing footpath, which a stream called Setikhola is exist. During the monsoon when the discharge in the river were tremendous, the villagers were compel to crossed the khola endanger their life. The School going children are also facing a major problem with this khola. Hence keeping the above issues a project was prepared to construct 31m suspension footbridge over Seti Khola, so that the bridge will provide a safe access for School children and villagers.

9. Compensatory Afforestation:

Land for CA is appropriate for plantation & management point of view				: Yes		
Land for CA is free from encroachment/other incumbencies				: Yes		
Land for CA is important from religious/archaeological point of view				: No		
Number of patches involved in land identified for CA				: one		
Sl. No.	Location	Range	Plantation area (ha.)	Fencing (in km)	SMC Work (in ha.)	Division
i.	Alley Khawmal	Namthang (T)	0.5	0.3	0.125	South Territorial Division
Map of area selected for CA			: Enclosed			
Total financial outlay			:The total cost of Compensatory Afforestation scheme in Forest land along with maintenance and protection is Rs.7,24,303 /- Rupees (seven lakh twenty four thousand three hundred three) only			

10. Whether proposal involves violation of FCA, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken.

No violation has been observed till date.

11. The requirement of forestland as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommend area item-wise with details of alternative examined.

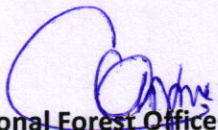
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12. Details on catchments and command area under the project and catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir.

N.A.

13. Cost-Benefit ratio (only in case if diverted area is >5 ha)

N.A.


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